

REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, claims 1, 3-8, 10, 12-15 are pending in the application. Claims 2, 9, and 11 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-8, 10, and 12-15 have been allowed. Claim 6 has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

Claim 6 has been amended to incorporate the recitation of elements that resulted in the allowance of claim 1. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 6 is now allowable over the prior art of record. Reconsideration of claim 6 as amended is requested.

This after final amendment: (1) does not raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search, since the proposed amendments incorporate previously recited limitations into independent claim 6 and these limitations have been previously considered and searched by the Examiner with respect to allowable claim 1; (2) does not raise the issue of new matter, since the proposed amendments have support in the originally filed application including the specification, claims and drawings; (3) does places the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing and/or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or (4) does not present additional claims without cancelling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment traverses and overcomes all of the Examiner's objections and rejections to the application as originally filed. It is further submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the application as originally filed, including the specification, claims and drawings, and that this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application. Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment places the application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited

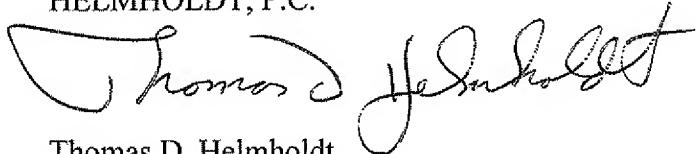
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by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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